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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

Mail Stop Patent Application
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
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For: **DEPOSITION OF TUNGSTEN NITRIDE**

Assigned to: Novellus Systems, Inc.

Priority of U.S. provisional application No. 60/441,834 filed on January 21, 2003 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

☐ Amend the specification by inserting after the title the sentence: "This application claims priority of U.S. provisional application No. filed on which is hereby incorporated by reference."

Application Elements:

- ☒ 39 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 3 Sheets of informal Drawings
- ☒ 3 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of _____ Application No. _____ filed on _____
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. _____
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL		MINUS	20	=	x 18 =	
INDEP.		MINUS	3	=	x 86 =	
[] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$770 =	
TOTAL						
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

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- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. _____).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

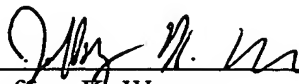
- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP063).

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